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Application deadline for free prekindergarten program extended to August 10

The R. I. Department of Education (RIDE) has extended the application deadline for the Rhode Island Prekindergarten Program to Friday, **August 10**. The eight classes offering free, high-quality prekindergarten are located in the cities of Central Falls, Providence, Warwick, West Warwick, and Woonsocket. There are 144 total spots available, and students will be selected for participation by lottery. To be eligible, children must be 4 years old by September 1 and they must be residents of one of the identified communities. Applications for this program are available on the RIDE website (http://www.ride.ri.gov/OSCAS/earlychild/) and at the program sites:

- Central Falls School District (521 Dexter St., Central Falls)
- Ready to Learn Providence, at CCRI (applications available at 945 Westminster St., Providence)
- Beautiful Beginnings Child Care (700 Elmwood Ave., Providence)
- Mariposa Highlander Pre-K (550 Branch Ave., Providence)
- Imagine Preschool (400 East Ave., Warwick)
- Westbay Children's Center (22 Astral St., Warwick)
- CHILD, Inc. (28 Payan St., West Warwick)
- Woonsocket Head Start Child Development Association (204 Warwick St., Woonsocket)

Completed applications should be submitted to the program of choice.

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